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In re the application of:

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For: NEAR INFARED-CUTTING MATERIAL AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION
THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the fee and examination on the merits
of the above-identified patent application, please amend the
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3-5 to read as follows:

3. **(Amended)** A near infrared-cutting material according to
claim 1, wherein the resin for the transparent resin film is a
polycarbonate and/or a polyarylate.

4. **(Amended)** A near infrared-cutting material according to claim 1, wherein the near infrared-absorbing dye is a dithiolmetal complex compound and/or a diimonium compound.

5. **(Amended)** A near infrared-cutting material according to claim 1, wherein the dye having a maximum absorption wavelength at 550 to 620 nm is a cyanide compound.

Please add new claims 8-10.

8. **(New)** A near infrared-cutting material according to claim 2, wherein the resin for the transparent resin film is a polycarbonate and/or a polyarylate.

9. **(New)** A near infrared-cutting material according to claim 2, wherein the near infrared-absorbing dye is a dithiolmetal complex compound and/or a diimonium compound.

10. **(New)** A near infrared-cutting material according to claim 2, wherein the dye having a maximum absorption wavelength at 550 to 620 nm is a cyanide compound.

REMARKS

The claim have been amended to remove multiple dependency.
New claims have been added to cover embodiments deleted by the
amendments to the original claims.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to
the claims by the current amendment. The attachment is captioned
"VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 3-5 have been amended as follows:

3. **(Amended)** A near infrared-cutting material according to claim 1 [~~or~~ 2], wherein the resin for the transparent resin film is a polycarbonate and/or a polyarylate.

4. **(Amended)** A near infrared-cutting material according to claim 1 [~~or~~ 2], wherein the near infrared-absorbing dye is a dithiolmetal complex compound and/or a diimonium compound.

5. **(Amended)** A near infrared-cutting material according to claim 1 [~~or~~ 2], wherein the dye having a maximum absorption wavelength at 550 to 620 nm is a cyanide compound.

Claims 8-10 have been added as follows.

8. **(New)** A near infrared-cutting material according to claim 2, wherein the resin for the transparent resin film is a polycarbonate and/or a polyarylate.

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9. **(New)** A near infrared-cutting material according to claim 2, wherein the near infrared-absorbing dye is a dithiolmetal complex compound and/or a diimonium compound.

10. **(New)** A near infrared-cutting material according to claim 2, wherein the dye having a maximum absorption wavelength at 550 to 620 nm is a cyanide compound.